UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE

April 7, 2017

Ms. Kirsti Jespersen Judicial Watch 425 Third St., SW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20024

RE: Response to Freedom of Information Request: EPA-HQ-2017-003084

Dear Ms. Jespersen:

This letter is an interim response to your above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. The Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your request and is enclosing responsive documents. Some of the documents contain redactions under the following section of FOIA: 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E), which protects all law enforcement information that would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law. Additional documents will be made available to you on or before April 28, 2017.

You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. N.W. (2822T). Washington, DC 20460. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter.

The Agency will not consider appeals *received* after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek assistance from Ξ PA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

Should you have additional questions regarding this response, please contact Isabelle Pettiford of my staff via e-mail at **pettiford.isabelle@epa.gov** or by telephone at (202) 564-7396

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: National Freedom of Information Officer FOIA and Privacy Branch (2822T)